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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WALK-IN AT BELGIAN EMBASSY

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1. NEWLY ARRIVED BELGIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, JACQUES DE BAENST, HAS ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT MIROSLAV POLEHLA, WHO WAS GIVEN ASYLUM BY THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND HAS LIVED AT BELGIAN RESIDENCE SINCE THEN, LEFT THAT LOCATION ON EVENING OF MARCH 3 FOR A FEW HOURS. POHLELA TELEPHONED TO OFF-HOURS DUTY PERSONNEL AT BOTH OUR RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY, EVIDENTLY TO SEEK ASYLUM ON OUR EMBASSY PREMISES. WE UNDERSTAND POLEHLA WANTED A VEHICLE TO BE SENT TO PICK HIM UP. AFTER VISITING A LOCAL RESTAURANT, POLEHLA RETURNED TO BELGIAN RESIDENCE AND REMAINS THERE.

2. WE BELIEVE BELGIANS MAY NOT READMIT POLEHLA, IF HE LEAVES THEIR RESIDENCE AGAIN.

3. WE THINK THAT IF POLEHLA DECIDES TO WALK AWAY FROM BELGIAN EMBASSY ONCE MORE, HE MAY WELL SEEK ASYLUM WITH US. SINCE HE IS AWARE THAT POLICE MAINTAIN ROUND-THE-CLOCK POST IN FRONT OF OUR CHANCERY, HE MAY APPROACH OUR RESIDENCE OR STAFF HOUSING ON THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS. IF HE APPROACHES US, WE PLAN TO TREAT HIM
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AS PRESCRIBED IN 2 FAM AND EXPLAIN THAT WE CANNOT ASSIST HIM UNLESS HE HAS GOC PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ON HEARING THIS, HE MAY REFUSE TO LEAVE EMBASSY PREMISES. STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO REMOVE HIM MAY RESULT IN PUBLICITY. WE HOPE TO AVOID THIS BUT WISH DEPARTMENT TO BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM IN THIS CASE.
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